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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of C. Douglass Thomas et al.

Appln. No. 08/262,754

Group Art Unit: 2316

Filed: 6/20/94

Examiner: Heckler, T.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING A PROCESSOR'S CLOCK

FREQUENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESSOR'S TEMPERATURE

## DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This declaration is to establish completion of the invention in the above-mentioned invention in the United States, at a date prior to March 15, 1994, that is the effective date of the prior art patent, Chen et al. (5,422,806), that was cited by the Examiner.

The persons making this declaration are the inventors.

To establish the date of completion of the invention of this application, two pages of sketches are attached hereto. These sketches were made at least before the date of March 15, 1994,

which is a date earlier than the effective date of the Chen et al. Patent.

The Applicants were diligent from a date prior to March 15, 1994 up to the filing this application on June 20, 1994. A portion of the diligence period, namely diligence in the time period prior to March 15, 1994 to the filing of this application, was consumed primarily by the self preparation of an initial draft of the patent application by a first of the applicants, the reviewing of the first draft of the patent application, the subsequent finalizing of the patent application, then the review of the final version of the patent application and execution of a required Declaration of inventorship, and finally the filing of the patent application. Given the fact that the inventors reside on opposite coasts of the United States and worked for other employers as their source of income, it is reasonable that the diligent preparation of a well drafted patent application by the inventors would and did take at from prior to March 15, 1994 to the eventual filing.

This declaration is submitted prior to final rejection.

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